AGENCY GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAM

I'm very grateful, and you will be too, that my very special friend Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick has come to our headquarters to be the guest speaker this afternoon in our Agency Guest Speaker Program.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick has a dazzling array of degrees, honors, awards and publications but all the qualities that brought about those achievements come through so clearly when she speaks that I'm not going to recite her pedigree.

Suffice it to say she is wife of the distinguished political scientist, Dr. Evron M. Kirkpatrick, the mother of Douglas Jordan, John Evron and Stuart Alan, a distinguished teacher, first at Trinity College and more recently professor at Georgetown University, and a prolific and immensely popular author and speaker all over the world.

Today, as you all know, she is the chief United States Representative to the United Nations and a member of President Reagan's Cabinet.

No representative in the almost 40 year history of the UN has made a difference not only in the respect the US commands, not only in that Assembly but in the world, which equals the impact that Jeane Kirkpatrick has had in three short years. For many years we were ganged up on, treated as a door mat, a target, and sometime an object of scorn at the UN. Today all that has changed. Every delegate in New York and every foreign office and millions of people around the world know that the US position will be declared and defended in a clear, cogent and ringing way. And it's made an enormous difference in the respect we command around the world.

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Not necessarily, but we will no longer apologize